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SUBJECT: SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY REQUESTS ASSISTANCE  
IN PLANNING IMPROVE NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM

REF STATE 16649 AND CAIRO 345

1. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY UNDERSTANDING, FREDERICK R. HARRIS IS CONCERNED WITH SCOPE OF WORK AS ENVISIONED IN IBRD STUDY ENTITLED QUOTE APPRAISAL OF THE REHABILITATION OF THE SUEZ CANAL UNQUOTE DATED JULY 22, 1974. IN OUR LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH FREDERICK R. HARRIS REPTS, WE ALSO LEARNED THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME TECHNICAL DESIGN SPECIFICATION WORK, BUT THIS WOULD BE PRIMARILY FOR AN ENLARGED SUEZ CANAL.

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, SCOPE OF WORK IN SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TRANSMITTED CAIRO 345 IS DIRECTED ONLY TO THE NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM FOR THE PRESENT CANAL. WORK WOULD THEREFORE BE ON CONSIDERABLY SMALLER SCALE AND FOR SHORTER TIME FRAME. PER PARA 2, CAIRO 345, WORK OF COE, DEPENDING UPON WHEN IT BEGINS, COULD PROBABLY BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 2 OR 3 MONTHS.

3. THUS WHILE ON THE SURFACE, SCOPE OF WORK APPEARS TO  
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BE SAME, WE BELIEVE THAT REQUEST FOR COE ASSISTANCE IS

SHORT TERM AND THAT FREDERICK R. HARRIS WOULD BE ENGAGED  
IN LONGER-TERM PLANNING. ONLY CHAIRMAN MASHOUR CAN CLARIFY  
MATTER, HOWEVER, AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT HIM.  
WILL ADVISE.

4. AMBASSADOR HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE DOES NOT WANT COE  
TO ASSUME SUEZ CANAL WORK WHICH COULD BE DONE EQUALLY  
EFFECTIVELY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY BY AN AMERICAN COMMERCIAL  
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